

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Staff Specialist Jeremy M. Heines.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army Staff Specialist Jeremy M. Heines upon his death in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, it is with the deepest regret and most profound sorrow that the Senate has learned of the tragic death in combat of Specialist Jeremy M. Heines; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Heines was a native of Galveston, Texas, but he grew up in New Orleans where he served as an altar boy at St. Henry's Catholic Church, was a 1998 graduate of Redeemer Seton High School, and was a member of De LaSalle Council No. 3411 Knights of Columbus fraternal organization; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Heines was known as a perpetually upbeat person who planned to return to New Orleans, open a bar, and start a family with his wife, Kristine, also a soldier, whom he met and married at Fort Hood, Texas, before they both were deployed to Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Heines and Kristine spent their first wedding anniversary in the Iraqi Theater of Operations; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Heines was known as a very dedicated and disciplined soldier and for going out of his way to help and cheer up others, whether it was sneaking food to

1 hungry Iraqi children or helping a fellow soldier get through war-induced depression; and

2 WHEREAS, Specialist Heines was assigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry
3 Regiment, where he and his fellow soldiers patrolled the dangerous streets and alleys of
4 central Baghdad; and

5 WHEREAS, Specialist Heines was 25 years old when he and members of his unit
6 were given the task of running a mounted patrol in Baghdad on June 26, 2004, when they
7 engaged a large, heavily-armed terrorist force in a fierce firefight where a hail of small-arms
8 fire and numerous rocket-propelled grenades struck and destroyed his vehicle; and

9 WHEREAS, Specialist Heines will forever be remembered by his family, friends,
10 and fellow soldiers as a man you could count on in combat and for always placing his
11 country's needs, as well as those of his brothers in arms ahead of his own, despite the
12 extremely dangerous nature of his mission; and

13 WHEREAS, Specialist Heines' family, friends, and fellow soldiers will mourn and
14 sorely miss his uplifting attitude and his friendly smile and his sacrifice for his country has
15 served as a source of pride to all Louisianians, whether they knew him or not, and also a
16 reminder that freedom is never free and sometimes Americans must fight to protect the
17 freedoms and liberties that its citizens now enjoy.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
19 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a
20 grateful state and nation to the family of United States Army Specialist Jeremy M. Heines
21 for fighting America's enemies in a faraway land.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
23 Specialist Heines' wife, Kristine, and his mother, Brenda Jobin.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Expresses condolences upon the death of U.S. Army Specialist Jeremy M. Heines.